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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Kevin Lloyd Grimes et al.  
Serial No. : 10/056,914  
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Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING EVEN TUBE  
BURN-IN  
Examiner : Brian P. Yenke  
Art Unit : 2614

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

**Sir:**

In response to the Office Action of November 22, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period of three months for response ending February 22, 2007 was provided, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

As certified in a certificate of mailing included on the signature page of this document pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8, the present response is being mailed on February 16, 2007 and, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely.

Please enter the remarks as follows:

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**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.